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1 1. A method for automatically upgrading software on a device, the device
2 having a processor, and memory coupled to the processor, wherein the memory stores the
3 software, and wherein the device is an automated data collection device, the method
4 comprising:

5 coupling the device to a server having an upgrade utility and upgrade software
6 stored thereat;

7 providing data communication between the device and the server, and the
8 upgrade utility determining a configuration or status of the device; and

9 upgrading the software of the device by adding additional software to the
10 device.

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